

# Pascha

## Resurrection of our Lord

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**Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!**

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**3.**

We can now sing our most joyous hymn. "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death and bestowing life to those in the tombs." Everyone goes back into the church for the Divine Liturgy.

**2.**

We all then go outside and the Priest reads from the Gospel. We hear about the Myrrh-Bearing women who come to Jesus' tomb with oils, but Jesus isn't there. They are told that He has risen!



**Icon**

This is the most joyful icon. Jesus is in the center pulling Adam and Eve from their tombs as He stands triumphantly over the gates of Hades.



**4.**

On Sunday afternoon, we celebrate the "Sunday of Love". This is when the Gospel of John is read at Great Vespers in multiple languages for all nations to hear His word. "Peace be unto you!" **John 20:19**

### Jesus' Resurrection

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*He is not here. See the place where they laid Him..." Mark 16:1-8*

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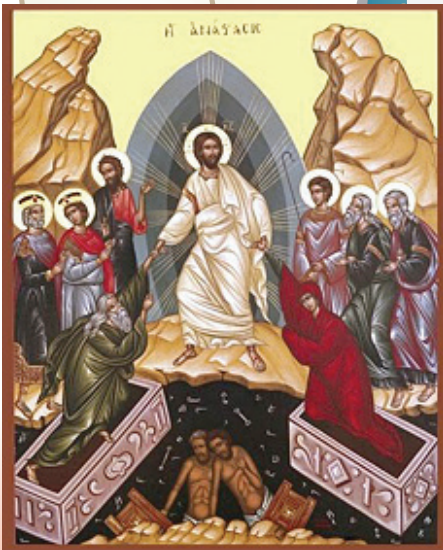
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Chr\_st \_s r\_s\_n!

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Color the icon of the Resurrection.



### PRAYER

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and bestowing life to those in the tombs.*

*- Paschal Hymn-*

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## {Teacher's Edition}

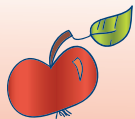
**Lesson Objective:** To have children understand the meaning of Pascha (Easter), the most important Feast of the year.

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**Activity:** Have children use the eggs to discover the special message, then color in the icon of the Resurrection.

**Prayer:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling Death by death, and bestowing life to those in the tombs.  
- Paschal Hymn-  
Sing this hymn with the children.